

Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claim 1.

1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing an oriented sintered ceramic product, which comprises:

dispersing a non-ferromagnetic powder having a not-cubic system crystal structure into a solvent to prepare a slurry,

solidifying to mold the slurry in a magnetic field and ~~then~~

sintering the ~~same~~ molded slurry.

2. (Original) A method of manufacturing an oriented sintered ceramic product as defined in claim 1, wherein the non-ferromagnetic powder is a non-cubic system ceramic powder.

3. (Original) A method of manufacturing an oriented sintered ceramic product as defined in claim 2, wherein the ceramic powder comprises an alumina powder, titanium dioxide powder, aluminum nitride powder, tetragonal zirconia powder, zinc oxide powder, tin oxide powder or hydroxyapatite powder, or a composite mixture containing them.

4-11. (Withdrawn)